

MINUTES, AS IS 11/6/07  
CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
ATTENDANCE ZONE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
EDWARD A. GREER EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM  
2832 E. FLAMINGO ROAD, LAS VEGAS, NV 89121

October 23, 2007

9:33 am

Roll Call: Members Present

Sally Achord  
Wendy Cashin  
Eleanor Chow  
Erin Cranor (arrived at 9:49 am)  
JoAnne Foutz  
Patricia Lopez  
Linda Mayer (arrived at 9:35 am)  
Dave Miller  
Barbara Moody  
Becky Nielson  
Ken Rezendes

Members Absent

Vera Barnes  
Gaya Guymon  
Kitty Kinkade

Sharon Dattoli, Director II  
Rick Baldwin, Coordinator IV

FLAG SALUTE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda, as is.

Motion: Eleanor Chow                      Second: Sally Achord                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, and Kitty Kinkade were not present to vote.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of March 13, 2007, as is.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz                      Second: Ken Rezendes                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, and Kitty Kinkade were not present to vote.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 25, 2007, as is.

Motion: JoAnne Foutz                      Second: Eleanor Chow                      Vote: Unanimous  
Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, and Kitty Kinkade were not present to vote.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Eleanor Chow nominated Barbara Moody for Vice Chairperson, seconded by Dave Miller.

Vote for Barbara Moody: Unanimous

Vera Barnes, Erin Cranor, Gaya Guymon, and Kitty Kinkade were not present to vote.

## REPORTS

Rick Baldwin explained the contents of the packets given to AZAC. Mr. Baldwin informed the commission per a request from a commission member, David Cox and Bartlett Elementary Schools were added to focus area E5.

## SCENARIOS FOR FOCUS AREA E5 FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Dave Miller explained a request came from the Superintendent's office to look at the over-crowding at Lamping Elementary School. Mr. Miller stated Lamping Elementary School is 426 students over their year-round seat capacity and further explained there are no new schools sited that could give relief to Lamping Elementary School at this time.

JoAnne Foutz informed the public that this was their time to share their thoughts, ideas, and opinions. She thanked them for coming.

Rick Baldwin explained that this is the first step in the zoning process and all scenarios are in the preliminary stages; Mr. Baldwin explained the zoning process.

Preliminary scenarios A, B, C, and D were presented.

Ken Rezendes informed the public that change does need to happen and asked that instead of asking for there to be no change, bring forth their ideas and options to allow for relief at the schools. Mr. Rezendes stated the commission is looking for public input to help make good decisions for all of the schools, not just for one school.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Becky Nielson called for public input.

Leslie Foley-Bordenave, Parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, thanked the commission for including the public in the process. Mrs. Foley-Bordenave said she has lived in the Pebble Canyon neighborhood for 14 years and has seen the growth and has watched as other families in the neighborhood fought this battle 10 years ago as each time an elementary school was opened, the neighborhood was rezoned; she feels like they are fighting a battle that was already fought. Mrs. Foley-Bordenave said that there are only 80 students in the neighborhood and moving them would not have a significant impact on the school and prefers preliminary scenario B. Mrs. Foley-Bordenave also stated that feeder school alignment was not an issue for them.

Michele Leckie, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, said she lives in Laurel Hills and every scenario presented rezones them to Glen Taylor Elementary School. Ms. Leckie stated she lives .7 miles from Lamping Elementary School and her children could walk if they needed to; Glen Taylor Elementary School is 1.9 miles from her home and she believes it would be a very dangerous walk as they would have to cross Horizon Ridge Parkway and walk down Eastern Avenue. Ms. Leckie feels that since the neighborhood has been there since 1996, they should not be considered to move and suggested that since the students living in Anthem are already being bused to Lamping Elementary School, that they could be bused to Glen Taylor Elementary School. Ms. Leckie also mentioned the feeder school alignment would create an issue if they were rezoned to Glen Taylor Elementary School.

Anna Antolick, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated the school's current enrollment is at 1275 and said that the school was rezoned approximately 7 years ago. Ms. Antolick said that she has been rezoned twice now and understands everybody's argument in wanting to stay where they are, however she said the main issue is the education of the children. Ms. Antolick said that feeder school alignment is also very important.

Chuck Barrett, Parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, considers GIS mapping a great tool and would like to see those numbers.

Lori Scott, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, recently bought a house that is .2 miles from the school, rezoning them would mean they would have to be bused a long distance to Glen Taylor Elementary School. Mrs. Scott stated that there are a lot of students at Lamping Elementary School on zone variances and suggested they be curtailed and also look into address verification. Mrs. Scott stated that she understands zoning has to be done to allow for space; however those who are following the rules are being hurt by being pushed out, while other people are continuing to be fraudulent on their address.

Tiffany Kalahiki, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated none of the scenarios will affect her, but is speaking on the over-crowding at the school and has started a safety program as a result. Ms. Kalahiki stated that no matter what the scenario, safety is a huge issue at their school.

Brandyn Dente, Parent, David Cox Elementary School, stated none of the scenarios will affect them, but wanted to know why Bartlett Elementary School is not more involved with the scenarios because she has been told they have two empty classrooms. Ms. Dente stated that getting students to and from school on the bus is the safest route for students and asked about transportation costs.

Cheryl Unger, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, is concerned about feeder school alignment if they are rezoned. Ms. Unger also asked if the 9 month schools being affected will be going year-round as a result of the rezoning.

Kevin Donovan, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, informed the commission that he left the state in 2004 and recently moved back to town because of Lamping Elementary School. Mr. Donovan stated that within a couple of years another school will be needed as they will run out of seats in the area.

Jeff Scott, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, said a new school will be needed at the south end at some point in the future. Mr. Scott asked that the zone variances and address verifications be looked at, which could help to alleviate some of the problems. Mr. Scott also suggested the proposals and an area for public comment be put on the website for people who are unable to attend meetings.

Fred Dilger, Parent, Twitchell Elementary School, thanked the commission for their work as volunteers. Mr. Dilger asked about the methods used in the service area calculations and questioned whether the methods were being optimized and he would like to see additional data provided.

Catherine Warning, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, stated that there are more children at Lamping Elementary School than the town in Texas she grew up in. Ms. Warning agrees there is a safety issue and her children currently bike to school, but if rezoned to Glen Taylor Elementary School, she will not let them. Ms. Warning suggested that the students who already receive a bus to Lamping Elementary School be bused on to either Elise Wolff or Glen Taylor Elementary Schools.

Maggie Saunders, Traffic Safety, Clark County School District, is concerned with the traffic safety around the schools. Ms. Saunders asked that the commission take into consideration traffic and human nature when rezoning the schools as she is afraid when things are rearranged it creates more traffic congestion around schools and suggested that when rezoning allow for students to still be able to walk and/or bicycle.

Colleen Fernandez, Parent, Glen Taylor Elementary School, lives off of Green Valley Parkway in an area that has already been moved several times and did not understand why the area is being considered since it is a small number to change. Ms. Fernandez indicated that Glen Taylor Elementary School is a great school to attend.

Janet Mullaney, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in Laurel Hills, the oldest neighborhood zoned for Lamping Elementary School and has helped build the school's science center. Ms. Mullaney said the feeder school alignment would create an issue for the children because once they go to middle school they would have to start all over making new friends.

LaAna Littlefield, Parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, stated she lives in the small community of Pebble Creek and has concerns with scenario C which zones them to Bartlett Elementary School because if chosen, they would be the only neighborhood to go to Miller Middle School and Coronado High School. Ms. Littlefield said they prefer scenario B and also asked that the zone variances be looked at before considering transitioning them out.

Sonja Nicholson, Parent, Vanderburg Elementary School, also lives in Pebble Creek and supports scenario B. Ms. Nicholson said she counted 30 students in the neighborhood who are divided between Twitchell and Vanderburg Elementary Schools and therefore rezoning the area would not have a huge impact. Ms. Nicholson stated that regulation 7111 references looking at the proximity of where students live and therefore Vanderburg Elementary School is the closest school to them.

Aaron Romano, Parent, Twitchell Elementary School, stated that Twitchell and Vanderburg Elementary Schools are 25% over capacity and with the changes AZAC is doing, it still remains 25%. Mr. Romano is creating a website called twitchburg.com to provide information to parents of both schools. Mr. Romano asked who parents can contact in order to be more involved in the zoning process.

Michelle Welsh, Parent, lives in the Anthem area and likes scenarios A, B, C, and D.

Lisa Herbert, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, lives in the Laurel Hills area built in 1996 and pays the LID fees and taxes in order to go to Lamping Elementary School; the apartment buildings adjacent to them do not pay property taxes or LIDs would remain at Lamping Elementary School in every scenario and suggested the apartment buildings be zoned out.

Melodee Wilcox, Former AZAC representative and Parent, David Cox Elementary School, said years ago Cox Elementary School was year round and then year-round double sessions while the three schools that bordered them were all 9-month and yet relief was never given. Ms. Wilcox recommended that AZAC make sure the older schools in the surrounding area with no growth are full before adding students to Cox ES, resulting in changing their school calendar.

Fawn Brimhall, Parent, Lamping Elementary School, said her main concern is traffic safety; and stated realistically even if a student lives a half mile from school, they are driven. Another concern is that the class sizes for the specialist teachers are ridiculously huge and fears they will be so overwhelmed that they will want to leave. Ms. Brimhall stated to the parents in attendance they need to keep in mind what is best for all children, not just their own children, so if they get zoned out and have to change schools, then so be it.

Ms. Brimhall also said what makes a great school are not only the staff, but the parents, great parents can make whatever school they attend great as well.

Harley Thompson, Parent, Bartlett Elementary School, said although he is not affected by any of the scenarios, he purposely purchased his home because he thought Bartlett ES was a land locked school. Mr. Thompson doesn't believe that enough data is provided; Issues with zone variances and address fraud, and busing costs should be looked at.

Becky Nielson explained that all of the suggestions are evaluated and said the numbers they are looking at are the preliminary numbers and updated data will be provided when the audited numbers are received. Ms. Nielson also stated that the number of students who will be moved from school to school will also be provided, and said staff from Transportation is also in attendance to provide input on cost and safety issues.

Harley Thompson, Parent, Bartlett Elementary School said when the data is refined, it should be provided in detail for everyone to see.

Robert Young, lives in the Champion Village area said he is not affected by the proposals but requested the proposal for development of a school in the Reunion Trails Park area be tabled and stated he would like to be involved in the development process.

Rick Baldwin addressed questions and concerns from the public. 1) SID and LID fees does not go to the school district, those funds are used for infrastructure such as streets and street lights within the community, not for the schools. 2) The school district does not land lock schools or make promises a school would remain on a 9-month calendar 3) GIS is used extensively 4) The 2007-08 enrollment report is currently being processed which tracks zone variances in and out. Last school year, Lamping Elementary School had 70 zone variances in and 51 zone variances out. Address verification is conducted by the school. 5) Comments and questions can be directed to the CCSD website AZAC link at <http://azac.ccsd.net/>. 6) A year-round study group is evaluating the policy for calendar conversion. 7) The school district does not currently have land in Madeira Canyon or Paseo Verde for a school site. The Bond Oversight Committee has a strict methodology in place when new schools are sited. From this bond, there are only 3 elementary schools remaining to site to open in 2010.

Ken Rezendes stated the address verifications are heavily watched in the schools.

Linda Mayer explained the school district does not get to pick the sites for the schools. The district has to take what is set aside by developers and those sites are not always in a geographically centralized area. Mrs. Mayer also said once the audited numbers are provided they will begin to meet with the PTOs, parents, principals, etc.

Becky Nielson informed the public they do not give preferential treatment to one neighborhood, it doesn't matter if they live in a master plan community, house, or apartment, all the children are considered on an equal ground.

#### MEETING CALENDAR, DATES, AND TIMES

Sharon Dattoli informed the commission the audited numbers should be available by the end of the week.

Dave Miller said scenario A can be eliminated from Focus Area E5.

The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Patricia Lopez                      Second: Eleanor Chow                      Vote: Unanimous

Vera Barnes, Gaya Guymon, and Kitty Kinkade were not present to vote.

Adjourn: 11:57 am